

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-11, without prejudice.

1-11. Canceled.

12. (Original) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a liquid crystal cell comprising a pair of substrates and a liquid crystal layer arranged between the pair of substrates;

first and second polarizers arranged on either side of the liquid crystal cell;

a first retardation plate arranged between the liquid crystal cell and the first polarizer;

a second retardation plate arranged between the liquid crystal cell and the second polarizer;

each of the first and second retardation plates having an optical axis in a plane parallel to the surfaces of the substrates and a retardation of substantially $\lambda/4$, the optical axis of the first retardation plate being perpendicular to the optical axis of the second retardation plate;

the first and second polarizers having polarizing axes arranged at an angle of 45° with respect to the optical axes of the first and second retardation plates; and

the liquid crystal layer of the liquid crystal cell containing the liquid crystal and a resin coexisting with the liquid crystal.

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a liquid crystal cell comprising a pair of substrates and a liquid crystal layer arranged between the pair of substrates;

first and second polarizers arranged on either side of the liquid crystal cell;

a first retardation plate arranged between the liquid crystal cell and the first polarizer;

a second retardation plate arranged between the liquid crystal cell and the second polarizer;

each of the first and second retardation plates having an optical axis in a plane parallel to the surfaces of the substrates and a retardation of substantially $\lambda/4$, the optical axis of the first retardation plate being perpendicular to the optical axis of the second retardation plate;

the first and second polarizers having polarizing axes arranged at an angle of 45° with respect to the optical axes of the first and second retardation plates;

the liquid crystal of the liquid crystal cell being of a vertical alignment type, a polymer network being formed in the liquid crystal layer of the liquid crystal cell, the

pretilt of the liquid crystal molecules and an inclination direction of the liquid crystal molecules upon application of voltage being regulated by the polymer network.